

[English]

Purchase of Gas Stoves from LPG Agencies

3594. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that new LPG consumers are being forced by the LPG agencies to purchase gas stoves, gas plates, rubber pipes, etc. from them; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to issue directives to LPG dealers not to insist consumers for such purchase?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Marketing Discipline Guidelines for LPG dealers provide, inter-alia, for penal action to be taken by Oil Companies in the event of forced sale of LPG stoves.

Pipeline from Bombay High to Hazira

3595. KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approached the World Bank for financing additional gas pipeline from Bombay High to Hazira; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) This is a component of the Gas Flaring Reduction Project of ONGC. This project is being assisted by the World Bank.

[Translation]

Modernisation of Power Plants in Madhya Pradesh

3596. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernisation of power plants of Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the proposed amount for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budget provision for Renovation & Modernisation works of Power plants of Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92 is Rs. 2749.05 lakhs.

Rural Electrification in Madhya Pradesh

3597. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity facility has not been provided in most of the villages and backward regions of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of villages electrified upto March 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) As per available information, out of 71,352 villages in Madhya Pradesh, 63,007 (88%) villages have been electrified by the end of March, 1991. This includes electrification of 22,197 tribal villages out of the total 26,825 tribal villages in the State. The level of overall electrification in the State is above national average.

[English]

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Karnataka

3598. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government for allotting new petrol/diesel retail outlet and LPG agencies;

(b) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlet and LPG agencies allotted in the Karnataka so far, category-wise; and

(c) the number of distributorship district-wise proposed to be allotted during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) New Petrol/Diesel outlets dealerships and LPG distributorships are based on factors including volume/dis-

tance norms, population of towns, Marketing Plans and eligibility criteria for candidates, etc.

(b)

	Total	No. in Reserved categories
(As on 1.4.1991)		
LPG Distributorships	234	133
Retail Outlet Dealerships	925	131

(c) LPG distributorships are opened in different cities as per Marketing Plans and policy from time to time.

Financial Assistance to SEBs by REC

3599. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance given to the State Electricity Boards by the Rural Electrification Corporation, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages electrified in Karnataka during 1988-89 and 1989-90; and

(c) the target proposed to be achieved during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A statement indicating the state-wise financial assistance extended by the Rural Electrification Corporation to the various State Electricity Boards upto 30.6.1991 is enclosed.

(b) and (c) The Karnataka State Electricity Board had reported electrification of 313 inhabited villages in 1988-89, when the State achieved cent percent village electrification as per 1981 Census. No target has, hence, been fixed for 1991-92.

STATEMENT

Financial Assistance Given to SEBs upto June, 1991

Rs. in lakhs

S.No.	States	Loan amount disbursed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43333
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1660

S.No.	States	Loan amount disbursed
3.	Assam	18613
4.	Bihar	35557
5.	Goa	—
6.	Gujarat	25607
7.	Haryana	15842
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11520
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	7534
10.	Karnataka	21471
11.	Kerala	10272
12.	Madhya Pradesh	82740
13.	Maharashtra	47446
14.	Manipur	3750
15.	Meghalaya	5234
16.	Mizoram	1493
17.	Nagaland	3319
18.	Orissa	26134
19.	Punjab	23533
20.	Rajasthan	32937
21.	Sikkim	2508
22.	Tamil Nadu	25414
23.	Tripura	4163
24.	Uttar Pradesh	61417
25.	West Bengal	32040
26.	Others	1350
Total:		544887

Power Stations of Karnataka

3600. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been made by the Karnataka State Electricity Board to run power stations through a southern gas grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.